

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A digital camera which records, in a compression state, a plurality of main images and a plurality of size-reduced images which are obtained by successive picture-taking operations to a recording medium, comprising:

a main image compressor for compressing a single main image every time a single picture-taking operation is carried out so as to create a single compressed main image prior to the taking of the next successive picture;

a main image writer for writing the single compressed main image to an internal memory every time a single compressing operation is carried out by said main image compressor; and

a size-reduced image compressor for compressing the plurality of size-reduced images after ending the successive picture taking operations.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a size-reduced image creator for respectively creating the plurality of size-reduced images based on a plurality of the compressed main images held by said internal memory after ending the successive picture taking operations, wherein

said size-reduced image compressor compresses the plurality of size-reduced images created by said size reduced image creator.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 2, wherein said size-reduced image creator includes a decompressor to decompress the plurality of compressed main images held by said internal memory so as to create a plurality of decompressed images, and a thinner to perform thinning out on the plurality of decompressed main images so as to create the plurality of size-reduced images.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a size-reduced image creator for creating a single size-reduced image every time the single picture-taking operation is carried out; and

a size-reduced image writer for writing the single size-reduced image to said internal memory every time a single creating operation is carried out by said size-reduced image creator, wherein said size-reduced image compressor compresses the plurality of size-reduced images held by said internal memory after ending the successive picture taking operations.